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DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO 126 MONTHS

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis sentenced Quantonio Dunscomb, age 25, of Annapolis, Maryland to 126 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for possession with intent to distribute a substance containing cocaine base.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court, on May 25, 2002 Anne Arundel County police officers stopped a blue Pontiac station wagon near the intersection of Quarterfield and Old Stage Coach Roads in Glen Burnie, Maryland for a traffic violation. During the stop, the officers observed an open container of alcohol in the vehicle within reach of the driver and two passengers. The driver and the two passengers were subsequently arrested pursuant to Anne Arundel County's open container law.

Dunscomb was one of the arrested passengers. The officers searched Dunscomb and found a loaded .25 caliber handgun and a plastic baggie containing 11 smaller plastic baggies in Dunscomb's pants pockets. The smaller plastic baggies contained a hard white substance that appeared to be cocaine base or "crack cocaine." The police laboratory subsequently found that the substance weighed approximately 20.2 grams and contained a detectable amount of cocaine base. Dunscomb possessed the cocaine base with the intent of distributing said substance.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Anne Arundel County Police Department for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan Mastrangelo, who prosecuted the case.